

Chapter 6 Notetaking Study Guide

Now you are ready to answer the Chapter 6 Focus Question: **How did the American colonists gain their independence?**

► Fill in the chart to help you answer this question. Use the notes you took for each section.

The American Revolution											
<p>The colonists gathered support for independence. In 1776, two Patriots took actions that made people more interested in independence: Thomas Paine <u>published Common Sense</u> . Richard Henry Lee _____ .</p>											
<p>The colonists declared their freedom. In 1776, the Continental Congress decided to _____ . The delegates chose _____ for this job. The result was <u>the Declaration of Independence</u> . It included these sections:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Section</th> <th>Purpose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Resolution of Independence</td> <td>Stated that the colonists declared independence from Britain</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Section	Purpose	1.		2.		3.		4. Resolution of Independence	Stated that the colonists declared independence from Britain
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<p>The colonists fought and won the war for freedom. Major battles were fought from 1776 to 1781. Early battles were centered in <u>the Middle States</u> . A turning point for the Americans occurred in _____ at _____ . Following this victory, Americans received help from _____, _____, and _____ . Foreigners such as Frenchman _____ and German _____ were vital to the war effort. When the British focused on the South, Americans fought back with _____ tactics and frontier fighters such as Francis Marion, known as _____, and _____, the commander of the Continental army in the South. The final American victory came in _____ at _____ .</p>											
<p>The British agreed that the colonists were free and independent. Peace talks began in <u>1782</u> in <u>Paris</u> . According to the Treaty of Paris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain declared the independence of the United States • _____ • _____ <p>Congress approved the treaty on _____ .</p>											

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